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ERIC FISCHER WOOD LECTURES ON WAR

Details of the Marne Campaign Presented Vividly to Large Audience Last of Myers Course.

PRAISES GENIUS OF JOFFRE.

The fourth and last Myers lecture for this season was held in the Chapel Saturday evening, when Eric Fisher Wood, author, diplomat, and former Yale track man, spoke to an audience of 500 on "The Battle of the Marne."

Mr. Wood, who was a military attache at the American Embassy in Paris and an eye-witness of the campaign of 1914, pictured the conflict with force and vividness. He varied his explanation of the manuevers of the different armies with diagrams on the blackboard.

Mr. Wood took five premises, on which he based his whole talk. He pointed out the advantage of a flank attack over a front attack,and explained that the French politicians did not believe that Germany would break her alliance with Belgium to attack thru that country. "My third premise," said Mr. Wood, "is the ancient military principle of France, always to open the attack in battle." For the fourth premise he explained that at the time of the battle of the Marne, the French and German armies were in an equal state of preparedness. Mr. Wood further declared that "courage and leadership count for nothing, other things being equal."

Faux Pas in Mobilization.

"At the outbreak of the war, the French army of one million men mobilized on the German frontier, thinking that their flanks were secure because one rested on Switzerland (on a treaty) and the other on Belgium (also on a treaty). But the Germans, invading France thru Belgium, attacked Joffre on the flank before he could complete his mobilization." Then came one of Joffre's greatest strokes of genius in demanding the resignation of Minister of War Millerand, who ordered an attempt to keep the Germans out of France entirely. Joffre saw that a policy requiring the abandonment of nrothern France to the invader was inevitable.

The Germans anticipated resistance at the Aisne River and were confident of victory, but the French and English, retreating steadily, drew up along the Marne region, the line extending from Paris to Verdun. Here the Germans were compelled to attack Joffre's center. They were decisively defeated and forced to retreat.

Germans Knew the Ground.

Mr. Wood stated that the German expedition under Von Gluck, which came nearest to Paris, accomplished its full purpose before retreating, and was not responsible for the German defeat, as is generally stated. The Germans, who knew the plans of the French war department, expected to hit Joffre at the Aisne and complete the campaign one week later.

Mr. Wood gave intensely interesting descriptions of the "most desperate battle of all history," and scenes on the field afterwards. He estimated that the importance of the English in the battle itself was relatively small, on account of their paucity of numbers. On the other hand he gave great credit to the British for their masterly action of holding off German advance columns until the French could concentrate their army along the 180 mile-front from Verdun to Paris.

Interclass Meet on Thursday

The annual Interclass indoor track meet will be held in the Gymnasium on Thursday, with Coach Risley as referee and the usual program of events. The meet is open to all men in College.

The events that form the program are as follows: 22-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half-mile, one-mile run, half-mile relay, standing broad jump, shot-put, high-jump, running hop, step, and jump.

Last year 1917 copped the pennant, but 1918 was only half a point behind, so that the outcome is by no means an assured thing. The Juniors have lost Squires thru illness, and will miss him in the 440 and half-mile relay. Gilbert, on whom Sophomores counted for several points, has been layed up for some time and may not be able to participate. Last year 1916 showed up poorly, wining only sixteen points, The material is practically the same as before. It remains to be seen whether or not the Freshmen will turn out as many dark horses as the entering class displayed last year. Coach Risley will attend in order to get an idea of the seasons' available material.

—St. Stephens College, which has had a place on Hamilton's football schedule for several years, has abolished Intercollegiate football.

1915-16 LIFE BOARD.

Front Row, right to left: Philip W. Stone '16, Local Editor; Francis P. Kimball '16, Editor-in-chief; Homer W. Davis '16, Business Manager; George V. Pope '16. Middle Row: Owen G. Groves '16; Thomas L. Orr '17, Assistant Manager; James D. Seaver '17, Edwin Moore '17, Henry Griffith'18. Top Row: Chauncey S. Truax '17, Philip C. Jessup '18, W. Jones '17, Walter D. Bull '18.

LIFE BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Editor-in-Chief, Assistant Manager, and Freshman Reporter Chosen.

The Life Board met Wednesday night in the office at No. 8 North College, and elected officers for the coming year as follows: Editor-in-chief, James D. Seaver '17, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Business Manager, Thomas L. Orr'17, of Pittsburgh, Pa; Assistant Business Manager, J. Edwin Manion '18, Ferndale, N.Y. The last-named was chosen upon the recommendation of Manager-elect Orr. Manion led four competitors: Root, Dodge, Insley, and Van Auken. Local Editor Stone '16 reported the standings in the Freshmen competition: Leslie M. Pape '16 of Utica, who led his nearest rival by three thousand words was elected Freshman reporter. Edwin R. Moore '17, of Oneonta, has been appointed Local Editor for the new Board.

Francis P. Kimball '16, the retiring editor, presided. In the nature of a "Swan Song" he expressed the hope that the paper would continue the newly-inaugurated sub-editor plan and keep the present system of assignments.

—H. C. Dickinson, 05 has resigned from the professional staff of the District Attorney of New York County, to resume the general practice of law at 20 Broad Street, New York City.

—Squires '17 and Warfield'19 have left College on account of ill health.

REVIEWER THINKS APRIL "LIT." POOR

Carmer '14, Finds Former Literary Merit Lacking in Latest Issue.

"Our family never sprung from nobody," said Bridget. "They sprung at 'em." Remarks to the effect that the April "Lit" "is in keeping with the previous high standard" are barred. We have lived too long on the laurels that Dounce and Woolcott won. "Lit" usually contains some things that are worth reading, others that are not. This number is not an exception.

Included in the latter category is all the verse except Baumer's translation. That is adequate, a good exercise for enlarging the vocabulary. If I am not mistaken, F. P. A. has done the same ode into modern slang with better effect.

Poetry Shows Defects.

It might be guessed that the writer of the admirable essay which occupies the first pages is also responsible for "A Love Letter." Yet, a prose scholar's attempt at love poetry seldom contains so much drivelling sentimentality. The lines:

"That wondrous night
When first you taught me how
To love aright."

seems to show close study of the verse in a certain cheap magazine so popular that it is published bi-monthly. The line beginning "Six-foot

(Continued on page 8.)

Y.M.C.A. WORK HAS INCREASED VASTLY

Figures and Program of the Past Year Are Startling in Their Gain Over Two Years Previous.

The Y. M. C. A. year, which closed last week, has proved remarkably successful under the forceful leadership of John R. Gardner '16. Twenty per-cent more men have been doing outside work this year, over eighty men participating. Besides the February Evangelistic Campaign, Bergner '16, Muir '17, and Beach '18, conducted a revival at Dolgeville during the Christmas recess, and the churches of Mexico, N. Y., have invited the Hamilton representatives to come there during Easter vacation. During the year, 8 men have been working in Clinton, 1 in Vernon Center, 4 in the Utica Y. M. C. A., 12 in the Utica Public Schools, and 2 in the Italian Mission of Utica.

A Bible Class under Prof. Ibbotson, another for the Freshmen under Prof. Marsh, and a Mission Study Group under Dr. Wood, have maintained thruout the year. These courses were in charge of Hawley and Fenn, '16, over ninety men participating. The Vicinity Work has been in charge of E. B. Mattoon '16, whose efforts have been mainly at England, F. E. Williams '16 has assisted C. P. Post '04, at the Kirkland Church. Hamlin '19 has undertaken Sunday School work at Paris, where Chas. Hawley '16, has been acting pastor for the Congregational Church. Henry Fenn '16, Ernest Griffith '17, Allan Talmadge '17, Raymond Hood '17, William Huntsman '18, and Oliver Hutchinson '19 have been active in the Clinton Sunday Schools.

The men doing Boy Scout work in Vernon Center, Clinton, and Utica include Henty and Fenn '16, Muir, W. K. Jones, Griffith, '17, Thompson, Huntsman, Brooks, Hasbrouck, '19, Ferguson '19. Those in the Pioneer work under Griffith '17 include, besides the above, Thorne '16 Moore, Saunders, Pohl, Norton '17, Peck, DeSantis, Insley, Griffith, Yeandle, Woods, Bruins '18, Pape, Keeler, Grant, Valentine, Kingsbury, Miller, Dayton, Chester, Stratton, Spining, Warfield, MacKie, Klegg, McLean, Riley, Ives, Parks, Bratton, Skinner, '19. At the Italian Mission in Utica: Knapp '16, Jessup '18, Fuller and Parmelee '19. At the Utica Orphan Asylum, Jones '16. At the Westminster Church, Burritt '17. Boyce and Lyon '17, Bruins and Beach '18, have conducted Bible Classes at the Utica Y. M. C. A.

Over Half the College in the Work.

More than fifty per cent of the College body has taken part in this work of founding and maintaining boys' clubs. The figures show, in the local clubs, a gain of 766 per cent. over 1914, and of 160 per cent. over 1915. The gain in number of leaders over 1914 is 900 per cent. over 1915, 150 per cent. The number of members in the clubs gained 980 per cent. over 1914 and 155 per cent over 1915.

Twelve Months of Startling News

Chronicle of the "Life" Year, 1915-1916, Tells Interesting Tale.

March 25, 1915. Intercollegiate Debate results in tie.

April 17, College Growth Committee authorized by Trustees.

April 21, Gift of $10,000 for new athletic field announced.

April 24, Relay team enters Penn Meet for first time in history.

April 28, Council institutes system of managerial exams.

April 29, "Lit" withdraws from Student Asociation to become self-supporting.

May 1, "Hamiltonian" breaks all records for early publication.

May 8, President Stryker's address on Lusitania disaster.

May 22, First College "Song Book," published.

June 9, Faculty reduce cuts and number of dinq. days.

June 19, Alumni present Pietro's bust of Elihu Root to the Colege.

September 22, Forty men enter with 1919.

October 12, **Life** and "Lit" open offices in North.

October 21, Faculty grants cuts to athletes, managers and editors; Club Rush inaugurated.

November 13, Hamilton fights Union to scoreless tie in football.

November 23, Free express delivery ordered by Public Service Commission.

November 27, Dr. Wood elected to Sherman professorship.

Decmeber 11, Sigma Phi Hall burns, endangering four lives: loss, $40,000.

December 14, Faculty favor **Life's** Plan for Interfraternity Scholarship League.

January 16, 1916 National organization of Pioneers of America completed by E S. Griffith '16; Latin Club to present "Menaechmi" at Comencement.

February 8, Manager W. E. Donohue completes longest baseball schedule ever arranged, with 19 games.

February 12, "Pete" Reynolds signs as football coach for 1916.

February 13, Faculty restore mid-year dinq. day.

February 22, Press Bureau organized with 29 members.

March 1, Twenty-five men volunteer for Plattsburg at College dinner; Cooperative Store plan approved by College.

March 4, Lecture by John Masefield.

March 29, Hamilton defeats Wesleyan and Bowdoin in debate.

—St. Lawrence University has adopted the Interfraternity Scholarship League plan, which has been so often proposed for Hamilton. The idea at St. Lawrence was suggested early in the year by the students, and the Faculty at once gave their hearty support. The average standings of the nine fraternities for the first term have been given out. They range from 84 to 62. From now on they will post the standings monthly, and the authorities believe that the competition will bring higher marks.

—Ernest H. Roberts '13, has been selected as the new secretary of Rochester Ad Club.

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The dates of preliminary contests which have not as yet been announced in **Life** are Utica and Binghamton on May 5, and Brooklyn on April 28. At present, indications are not favorable for a Syracuse contest.

—Professor Lewis is sending out folders in regard to the Summer School of English for the coming year. In general the plans are the same as for last year. The faculty of instruction will consist of seven members. Profs. Squires, Lewis and Marsh of the Faculty here will be aided by Miss Adah Grandy of Highland Park, Ill., Miss Evelyne Hilliard of New York, and Prof. Heydrick and Dr. Daniel W. Redmond '01, both of New York.

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EDITORIAL.

Starting Another Year.

Since Hamilton's weekly student publication stepped forward to the front rank among college newspapers, under the able management of George Lyon, no other year has seen so much betterment of **Life** than that just past. To the outgoing editor goes the credit of building up a system whereby **Life** more nearly approaches the appearance of a well-run newspaper. Beside this, the "personal appearance" of **Life**'s pages have been so doctored that its countenance really looks handsome alongside its predecessors not only, but also alongside other collegiate publications, while the presentation of news has been correspondingly improved.

Profiting by past experience, and with a fresh shoulder to the wheel, the new rule will endeavor to continue pushing **Life** along on its weekly journey as best as it knows how. In order to keep up the good work, criticism and advice are solicited from Alumni and undergraduates alike, with the hope that the coming year may see still greater progress. To our predecessors we tender a simple "Thank You."

J.D.S.

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The Day Ended.

Life's private sunset gun has sounded to close another long sweet day of service, and a new color guard has already sent the ensign twirling to the mast-head. The incident recalls that the percentage of things permanent is very low, and that only such geologic facts as the Rockies and the Atlantic shore line have to date escaped the laws of mutation. Forseeing **Life**'s mutation, the Seniors of the 1915-1916 Board punched their last punch on the office typewriter and are now calmly awaiting transportation to the vivid planet reserved for newspaper persons.

Life's function goes on; the year to come is great with possibilities, greater indeed than the one just closed. There will in due course appear mighty news: the reason, that the star of a grander Hamilton, rising steadily during the present generation must soon break full into view. It will be a very different College that **Life** addresses during the next twelvemonth—and this is no rash reference to a conjectured Freshman Class, but to changes even more fundamental.

The chronicle of the old year has been varied and prophetic. Thru the weekly maze, **Life** has attempted to walk correctly. We have not babbled (on page four) at impossible reform, nor loaded our space with blank-cartridge satire. Our aim has been to fire sparingly, but with shots that do not merely crack, whether the target be the insidious "deal" or slipshod College profit. If we have destroyed the intensely critical attitude that formerly characterized our activities, we are glad. If the College would adopt an interfraternity scholarship league, and with that change promote more College dinners and more harmonious relations with the Faculty, we would be gladder still

But first things first. The greatest problem before the College now, and perhaps for years to come,, is that of increased enrollment. This is the muttering cloud over our fair Hill. Once dispelled, other problems will resolve into simpler terms. The solution must come soon, our enthusiasm must catch fire, and every undergraduate and Alumnus must put on his working clothes to help. There is no logical reason for continually marking time while half-way methods are distressing, and there is no virtue in raising a scurvy noise at conditions which do not please. First things first: which, being interpreted readeth, "Line up your sub-Freshmen, then unburden your soul to remedy defects IN YOUR OWN RIGHT!" The inert should not open their mouth. It is time for us all to cease thrumming personal peans in the deceitful light of the moon; rather, to stick long pins in our thick and temporal hides.

But what can we do against a system of entrance requirements unyielding as adamant to a prep. boy's demands? **Life**'s answer is a suggestion, and to wait. When a college is stationary, the temptation to lower the standards is almost irresistible. Where we have failed so far is to realize that they can be flexed without being lowered. In this middle ground our requirements and curriculum can be so fixed that they become more responsive to high school candidates and still retain the requisite Latin. Why not, for instance, instruct in third and fourht year Latin in College, instead of closing the door to men who have not prepared for the single year of Latin required for the Hamilton degree?

F.P.K.

—**A short poem, "An American Soldier Slain upon the Mexican Border," by Clinton Scollard '81, appeared in the New York "Tribune" last week.**

WHAT HAMILTON COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES NEED

[Editor Note.—At **Life**'s request the following opinions analyse College conditions and present recommendations for future College policy.]

A LACK OF INDUSTRY.

Better Distribution of Work Among Students, and Hard Work, Needed.

Editor of **Life**:

At the opening of this college year, there was set forth by yourself and other college men the need of cooperation and team work in conducting our activities. Good as this movement is in itself, it merely opens the way to a consideration of our main problem. For cooperation implies work, and the most apparent fact in connection with our activities is the absence of faithful, wholehearted endeavor by the College as a whole. Wether or not we should have college activities aside from our studies is not for me to attempt to say now. I am taking the facts as they are, and proceeding on the assumption that unless we decide to abolish these outside activities, we should support them. This we do—after a fashion—and many of our organizations manage to get along only thru the self sacrifice of a small minority who do nearly all the work. A larger college body would, of course, give us better results from our activities, but a greater realization of our present resources would obtain the same results, and the latter course of action is the more immediate of the two. oPssibly we have too many organizations.,This cry has been raised, with the suggestion that we abolish some of the less important. I would not be inclined to concur with this opinion until we had put forth the maximum effort to be expected and, even then, had failed to achieve the desired results. Then we could decide, and with reason, to abolish some of our activities and to enter in the civil war of determining which should be the first to go. But, to date, we have not put forth this effort. If I may venture a personal opinion, the trouble lies in the lack of industry of so many of our undergraduates.

The blame for our present situation lies partially with those men who participate in the various activities and then fail to give their best, but more with those men who do little or no work, and throw a great burden on the shoulders of a few with an accompanying loss of efficiency. More work on the part of the College would result, obviously in improved organizations, better scholastic standing (the Faculty will not believe this); and a much happier undergraduate body., In this last regard, it is worthy of note that the men who leave college voluntarily are those who have not identified themselves with any activity, and have attempted to measure their happiness by the number of hours for loafing which they could claim. The remedy for many of our present faults is in a higher standard of the amount of work to be performed by the undergraduate..

Much of the foregoing is obvious and hackneyed, all of it is general. But are fundamental wrongs ever to be righted by attention to detail, and do we not sometimes search far afield for a cure when it is at our side? If we will give the amount of work we should, the rest will follow easily.

Geo. V. Pope,'16.

KEEP ALL ACTIVITIES.

But Co-operate to Reduce Loafing to A Minimum.

Editor of **Life**:

To undertake the task of saying what Hamilton needs most of all, would require a searching analysis of the situation. That would not be possible in a few words, but a few things may be pointed out bearing upon the case. We hear it often said that Hamilton is over-organized. Perhaps this is so. The burden of supporting three teams in Intercollegiate sports, beside other activities, is a heavy one for a group of some two hundred men, when the work of the curriculum is taken into consideration. An alternative is presented at once. We may relieve the strain by cutting down the number of organizations, or get more men. Obviously the latter course is the one we want to adopt. I doubt if many men can be found in the college body who would care to see a material reduction in the activities supported now. The slogan of a "Larger Hamilton" voices the sentiment of undergraduate and alumnus alike.

The question at once arises if this is the correct solution of the tension. A skeptic might well point out the fact that the majority of positions of leadership are held by a small body of men, and so mere numbers would only help in a minor way. This is true in part, but only so. If more men came, a certain percentage of them would be capable men who would care to ally themselves with the activities as the captains have done. And here we would gain certainly.

But while we are watching the College grow, there are a few ways in which we can prepare the mansion for the guests. Some changes in the College seem highly desirable. A spirit of lethargy seems to be abroad. Perhaps it has not yet reached an acute stage but, at any rate, it is in the air. Nor is it new. Time has seen active rebuilt from such an attitude, and the effect was not by any means pleasing. True, we saw a burst of enthusiasm at the time of the Union game. Yet, this doesn't mean much unless every man is willing to do his share in supporting the particular activity in which he may for the moment be occupied, with the same energy that he sees a fullback hit a line. The measure of a man is his capacity to stand up under his task day in and day out, disregarding the fact that he may make an excellent appearance at a given time. I don't think that we would have to face the fact that a few men do the majority of the work in College affairs if every man measured his fullest height.

Beside a more consistent energy in most of the College organizations, I would suggest an effort to secure greater cordiality and cooperation in the social life. The feeling has be-

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The Juniors are beginning to realize that there's some point to Bill Squire's middle name.

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Jim Fursman went in and got "downed"—it really wasn't hair.

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I

The Oriskany is in flood,
The roads are covered with mud.
And still like a kindly cow, Hud
Goes on chewing his cud.
(S'blood,
That's not much good.)

II.

Cal is much like a ox,
He gets lots of knocks;
But not a single one of them penetrates his hide.
He still thinks his debate course is the pride
Of this lofty Hill-side.
We wish he'd die,
Or'd commit suicide.

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come almost traditional that we live unto ourselves upon the Hill. But we have gone a step further. We have lost in part the feeling of unrestrained cordiality in our intercourse with each other. Perhaps we are no worse than the undergraduates of other years, but life would be far fore attractive if a conscious effort on the part of everyone. A notice in **Life** about the "Hello Rule" should never be necessary. Indeed the rule will be regulated to the dusty shelf, where lies the custom of calling regularly upon the Professors, if the present attitude should crystallize. As with most things, the move for a change must start with the Seniors. The present class has accepted its duty in one respect— that of helping to swell the entering classes. With no very drastic changes it might well undertake some other projects. Other things are needed in the College perhaps as much as these. Le us hope that we two months which remain before 1916 graduates will see some organic work accomplished.

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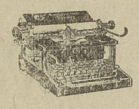

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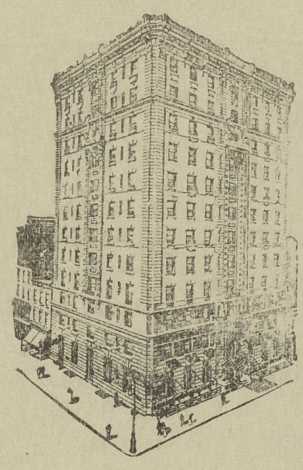

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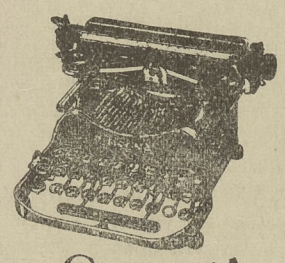

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This is the working force with which Pres. T. L. Muir will inaugurate a new year of service at the Y.M. C. A. His plans call for several innovations, notably the addition of "Big Brother" work, a series of social gatherings at Silliman Hall, and an extension of the Boys' Work department.

"The keynotes for the Y. M. C. A. this year will be cooperation and efficiency," Pres. Muir declared. "We want to enlarge the scope of our work so thoroly that every man in College will feel that he has a chance to do active service outside of his curriculum.

Boys' Department Enlarged.

"Special emphasis will be placed on Boys' Work. This department has been enlarged from one to five members. Asosciated with E. S. Griffith, as chairman, are John A. Jones, Dayton, Huntsman,and Thompson, who is to take charge of the "Big Brother" movement.

The Y. M. C. A. has never before attempted to build up the "Big Brother" idea, but it has worked with notable success in other colleges and all efforts will be made to expand it during the year. The plan calls for individual work with Clinton boys."

Pres. Muir's program calls also for opening up Silliman Hall to more varied uses. For this purpose he has appointed "Sub" Donoghue to head an Entertainment Committee, which will arrange a series of four or more social events during the year. "We should center more of our College activities in the Y. M. C. A. building," Muir said. "We do not get half enough use out of it."

Campaign Next Spring.

The February evangelistic campaign, inaugurated by ex-Pres. Gardner, will be repeated next spring with speeches by some live leaders in college problems. Bible classes will be continued as formerly, with special Sunday afternoon speakers. Membership in the organization will be pushed with a view to getteing more students interested in the on- and-off-Hill work of the Association.

Opportunity will be given for men to join in deputation teams in the vicinity, a department of Y. M. C. A. work that has been uniformly successful in former years. The first deputation team will open a series of meetings at the Park Baptist Church, Utica, this week, begining Thursday and concluding Sunday. The same team will go to Mexico, N. Y., during the Easter vacation for a nine day's campaign.

The Cabinet which Pres. Muir has appointed includes men well acquainted with the details of Y. M. C. A. work and all are enthusiastic for the year just opening. They are in hearty accord with the proposed policy of opening the Y. M. C. A. to more general College use. The suggestion has been made that thru the social life of the association a closer relation between the Faculty and students may be secured. Several interesting programs for this purpose are now under consideration.

Hamilton vs. Syracuse Postponed Until April 18

Because of the late arrival of Spring, the baseball game at Syracuse, scheduled for April 8, has been postoned to April 18. The manager of the Syracuse team communicated with Manager Donohue, saying that their field would be in no condition Saturday. Tuesday, April 18, was agreed upon as most suitable for both teams. The contest ought to show the Buff and Blue nine just how well they are prepared for the Easter trip, which begins Saturday of the same week.

The squad is fast rounding into condition under the tuteledge of Coach Myers and Capt. Miller. Batting and pitching continu daily in the Gym. So far the fellows have been hammering the horsehide with great deal of vigor. Coach Myers says "a team is no stronger than its hitters," and is emphasising this department. Provided weather conditions keep improving, Manager Donogue will have the squad working out of doors by the last of the week.

Bursar Coughlin will put the diamond in shape for hte season during the Saster recess. The infield and outfield will be smoothed and rolled. The lines and pitcher's box will be skinned as last year.

"Chief" Myers.

FRESHMAN FIVE LOSE.

The Freshman basketball team met defeat at the hands of the Binghamton High School five Saturday night, in an extra five minute period by the score of 31-27. The score zigzagged between the two teams thruout the game. The first half ending 10-8 in favor of Binghamton. A foul was called on 1919 when the final whistle blew, and the scoring of this point called called for the extra period, in which the prep. boys scored three baskets. The team line-up: 1919, forwards, Welsh and Morrow; center, Riley; guards, Pape and Parmelee. Binghamton: forwards, S. Welsh and Prytherch; center, Cornick; guards, Flynn and Wilcox. 20 minute halves.

WHAT HAMILTON COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES NEED.

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for college activities anywhere; and when you consider that, for the same number of activities our total enrollment is probably less than one-tenth of that "certain percentage" in Cornell—for example—you stop wondering why we don't have better success! The fellows are too busy. In the fall there is a conflict between Charlatans Musical Clubs and Football; during the winter Basketball takes the place of the latter—and there are expected to be enough men left over to make a successful Debate Team; Spring sees Baseball and Track taking the place of Basketball. My pet grievance, of course, is Track; it proves impossible to get men out for practice until about a week after Easter, simply because the Musical Clubs and Charlatans—which have been active all winter—do not finish until then! Competition for **Life**. and "Lit," and Y. M. C. A., work would find many more supporters were there fewer other things to be done. A small college cannot support so many activities and do it well. The ideal solution would be to abolish a few of the less important.

But, of course, that is impracticable; the entailed row over which should be dropped would alone forbid such a solution. So why not use a little judicial selection in arranging schedules for the year; let everything be planned so as to fit in nicely and interfere with no other activity. For instance,—my pet grievance again!—why not take trips of the Clubs at Christmas instead of at Easter, and so clear the way for spring activities? That is the regular season for the eppearance of college clubs, and if others can do it, we can!

Such suggestions would be uncalled for in a large college. But, here, where a few men do everything, some change is necessary if we are to develop to their best advertising value our College activities.

L. Heyl Nichols '16.

REVIEWER THINKS APRIL "LIT." POOR

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drifts of snow" shows intense realism, the kind found in the Spoon River Anthology. Evidently Groves carries a tape-measure while thinking out love-verse.

With apologies to the man, long dead, who first wrote "winter with its chilling blast" and also to him who originated "kisses in nectar dipped," I sincerely hope that these expressions will not appear again in College verse.

"But thy modest blush
And thy voice of a thrush
Drives all the gloom from night

lacks more than euphony. Jessup's poetic license foists upon us a plural subject, followed by a singular verb. Shades of Cal's seminar!

For the prose written by undergraduates, I find more words of praise. Grant's "A Revelation," shows much promise. It is a very clever imitation of the style of certain Russian novels, the criticism of which Stephen Leacock burlesques. "This is a big thing, one of the biggest novels ever printed. Everything about it is -er- big." If ability to "play the sedulous ape" counts, we should read many entertaining stories by the author before he graduates.

"The Pagoda" is a fanciful sketch, artfully done except for the fact that the subject "watches—sentry-like." H. C. F. should look up the list of trite expressions in Woolley.

The cow-boy novel has left too deep an impression on Ludlow. We find what we expected under the title "The Broncho Queen." The first part of this story is humorously written in George Ade style: "Then Joe had kissed her * * * * while she lashed him * * * * with her tongue." The least I can say about this is that it sounds very untidy. The story stretches all out of proportion "the long arm of coincidence." It ends in the stereotyped love-story fashion. The play I leave to a future reviewer to criticise as a whole.

The 1915 Junior Prize Essay I have already characterized as admirable. It is written in the clear, easy, dignified prose style which the writer recommends. The subject matter is, I believe, entirely correct.

—C. L. Carmer '14

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